

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claim 18 is amended.

Objection to Claim 18

The Office Action objects to claim 18 because the word "scene" after "(BIFS)" (line 5) appears to be redundant. Applicants have amended claim 18 to delete the redundant use of the word "scene". Claim 46 is amended similarly as well. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of this objection.

Double-Patenting Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 18, 19 and 46 provisionally on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,931. Applicants enclose herewith a Terminal Disclaimer which addresses the rejection of claims 18, 19 and 46. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are patentable and in condition for allowance.

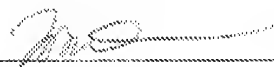
The Office Action on page 3 indicates that claims 20-45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim and would be allowable if rewritten in independent for including all the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims. Inasmuch as these claims, for example, claim 20, depend from claim 18 which is now allowable in view of the filing of the attached Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants decline at this point to amend claims 20-45. Applicants submit that since the parent claim 18 is now in condition for allowance that the remaining claims 20-45 are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections and objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge or credit the **Law Office of Thomas M. Isaacson, LLC, Account No. 50-2960** for any deficiency or overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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